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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 9821

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, JA, VS.

SUBJECT: JAPAN AND PRG

REF: TOKYO 7401

SUMMARY: FIRST PRG REPS TO VISIT JAPAN HAVE JUST CONCLUDED  
UNEVENTFUL, LOW-KEY THREE WEEK STAY IN JAPAN. GOJ HAS  
REFUSED ENTRY PERMITS TO OTHER PRG REPS ON GROUNDS  
THAT PLANNED VISIT HAD POLITICAL PURPOSES. END SUMMARY.

1. FOUR MAN PRG/DRV DELEGATION VISITED JAPAN JULY 8 TO  
JULY 29. PREDICTABLY, JAPANESE PRESS ATTENTION FOCUSED  
ON PRG MEMBERS, WHO WERE FIRST PRG REPS TO VISIT JAPAN.  
DESPITE FACT THAT PRG REPS WERE ADMITTED ON DRV PASSPORTS  
AS REPS OF PRIVATE VIETNAMESE ORGANIZATION, PRESS RE-  
PEATEDLY REFERRED TO SENIOR PRG REP, HA THANH LAM, AS  
BEING PRG AMBASSADOR TO CHILE.

2. THERE IS NO REPEAT NO EVIDENCE THAT GROUP HAD ANY  
CONTACT WITH GOJ OFFICIALS. ACCORDING TO FONOFF  
1ST SEA DIV (SATO) AND VIETNAMESE EMBASSY (TUAN), GROUP MET  
WITH JCP FRONT GROUPS WHICH SPONSORED VISIT,  
WITH JCP AND JSP DIETMEN, WITH TOKYO MAYOR MINOBE AND  
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OSAKA MAYOR KURODA AND SOHYO LABOR FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVES.

SATO SAID HE IS QUITE CONFIDENT GROUP DID NOT MEET WITH ANY LDP DIETMEN.

3. GROUP HELD FORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 10 AND GAVE SEPARATE INTERVIEWS WITH MANY MAJOR NEWSPAPERS AND TV NETWORKS. PRG REPS LAM AND HA TALKED MAINLY ABOUT PRG'S ACTIVITIES IN LIBERATED AREAS AND PRG'S NEED FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. TUAN REPORTED THAT GVN, CITING POLITICAL COMMENTS MADE IN THESE INTERVIEWS, HAD PROTESTED TO GOJ IN SAIGON AND TOKYO AGAINST GROUP'S POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

4. COINCIDENT WITH GROUP'S DEPARTURE, GOU'S MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD NOT GRANTED ENTRY PERMITS TO PRG REPS WHO WISHED ATTEND BAN-THE-BOMB CONFERENCE IN JAPAN THIS FALL ON GROUNDS THAT SUCH VISIT WOULD HAVE POLITICAL PURPOSE.  
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